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In re Application of: Alfred S. Despres III et al.
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For: MODULAR CONNECTION FOR ORTHOPEDIC
COMPONENT
Group Art Unit: 3679
Examiner: Michael P. Ferguson
Attorney's Docket No.: HAYES-2 CON

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed May 11, 2005 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from June 11, 2005 to July 11, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Large Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

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